



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held August 1, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“The installation of wireless telecommunications facilities (often known as cellular telephone towers) currently requires a conditional use permit in all zones and within public rights of way. However, there are no uniform standards addressing siting, safety, design or other important criteria. As a result, the process for installing these facilities is not as predictable or transparent as it should be. In 2002, the Board of Supervisors directed County Counsel and the Department of Regional Planning to work with interested parties and return to the Board for consideration of a wireless facilities ordinance to address these concerns. Since that time, representatives of the wireless industry have claimed that Federal and State laws have placed limits on the local government’s ability to regulate these facilities, particularly within road rights-of-way.

“Given this situation, the lack of response to the Board’s 2002 action should be remedied immediately through development of a comprehensive policy regulating the installation of wireless telecommunication facilities. Such policy should be enacted in ordinance form and should provide that any future substantive changes must be enacted through a process that is open to both members of the public and other interested parties.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Acting Director of Planning and County Counsel were instructed to prepare, within 30 days, a draft "wireless telecommunications ordinance" to be considered at a public hearing before the Regional Planning Commission that:

1. Maintains compliance with State and Federal mandates;
2. Provides a predictable and transparent process for both the wireless industry and residents;
3. Maximizes the co-location of facilities wherever possible;
4. Ensures that all equipment is screened, located underground or sited so as to minimize negative aesthetic impacts to the community to the maximum extent allowed by law;
5. Addresses to the maximum extent possible under Federal and State laws, the concerns of residents over the health effects of wireless facilities; and
6. Protects environmental resources from the effects of the installation of these facilities.

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